

Next Week Sermon

Are We Saved by Faith or by Works

James 2:14-26

PREACHER

Dr. Peter Ng

16 July, 2023

Exodus Series: Lessons
from the 10 Plagues Part
1: The Hardening of the
Heart

Exodus 5-10:29

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Arnold Lim

23 July, 2023

Exodus Series: Lessons
from the 10 Plagues Part
2: YHWH vs the Gods of
Egypt

Exodus 5-10:29

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THE BOOK OF JAMES

- 1) Knowing God in Adversity (James 1:1-12)a
- 2) Understanding the nature of Temptation James 1:12- 18
- 3) Knowing the Heart of God: Why He Chooses the Poor – Part 1 (James 2:1-5)
- 4) Knowing the Heart of God: Why He Chooses the Poor – Part 2 (James 2:5-17)
- 5) Are we saved by faith or by Works. James 2:14-26
- 6) Speech and Spirituality James 3: 1-12
- 7) The nature of true wisdom James 3:13-4:10
- 8) Slandering, Arrogance and Anxiety James 4:11-17
- 9) Perils of Materialism James 5:1-6
- 10) Patience James 5:7-12
- 11) Praying for the sick James: 5 :13-20

vil in the Church (Ephesians 4:1-1)



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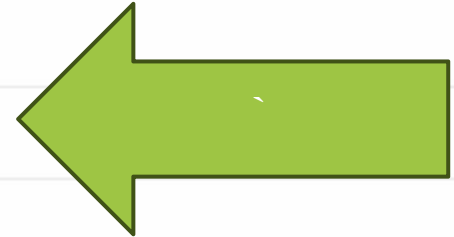
Job

John

Jonah

Judges

Lamentation



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BOOK
OF

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A FAITH THAT WORKS

GAMMA
SERIES

TEMPTATION

1) Temptation is not caused by God

2) Temptation is caused by our disordered desires

3) Temptation is overcome trusting Him and His
Word

TEMPTATION-LIFE AND DEATH ISSUE

WORD REPEATED 5 TIMES



James 1:12-15 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



2 Timothy 4: 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.



Matt 6: 13 Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

1 Timothy 1:19b , some have made shipwreck of their faith, 20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander,



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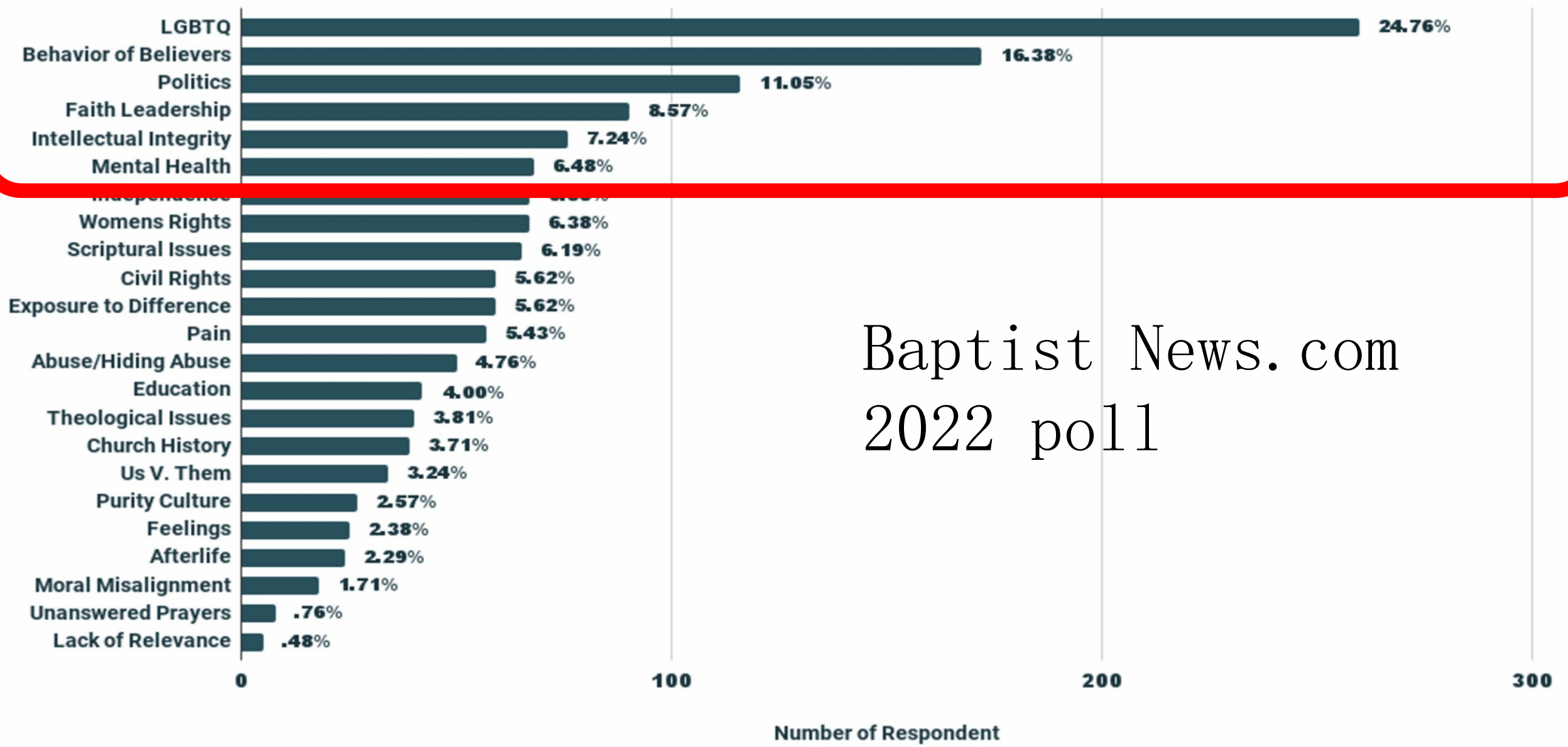


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Final Reason for Leaving



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ACCUSATION AGAINST GOD



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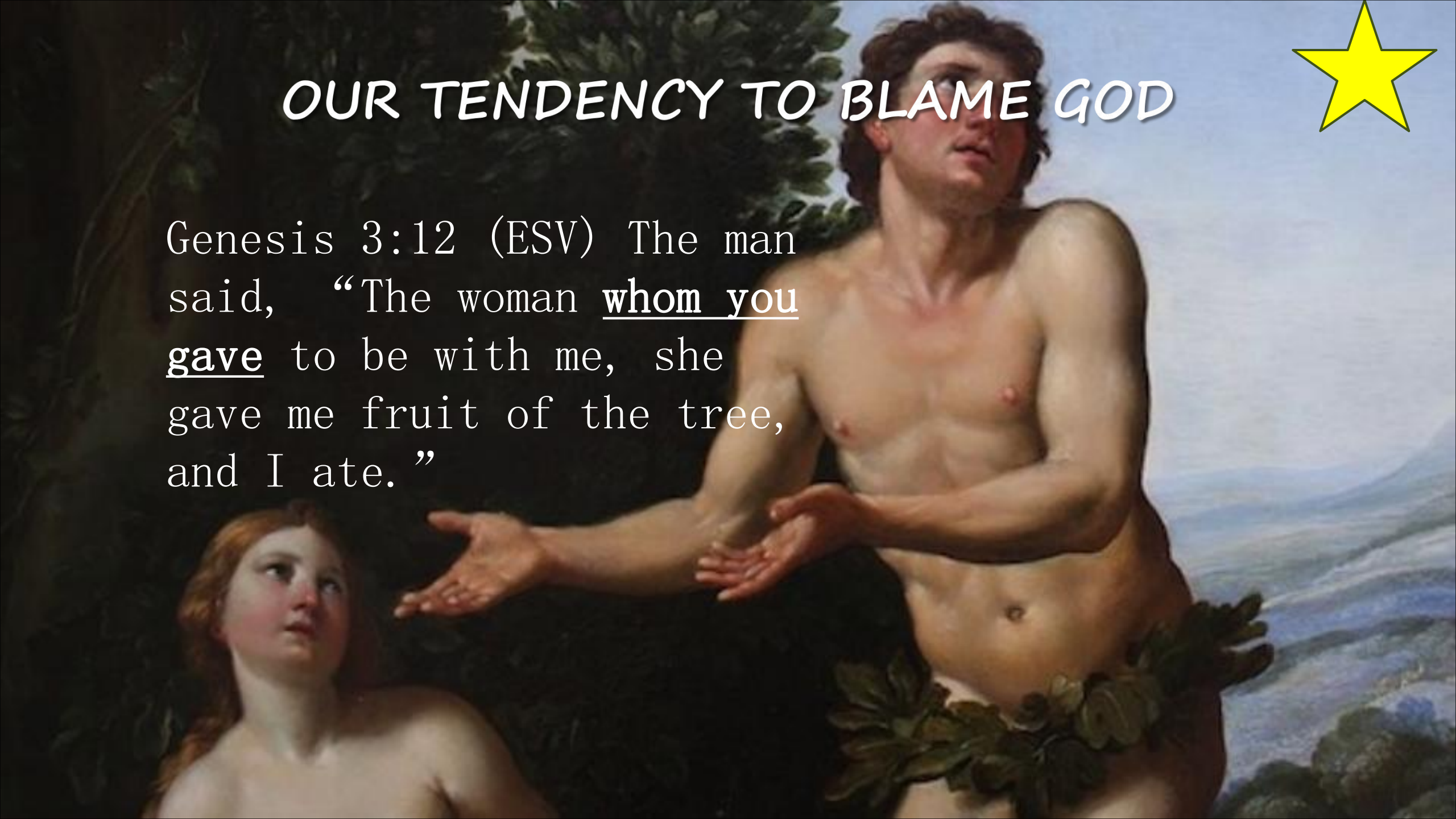
THE ISSUE IS DECEPTION

James 1:16-17 Do not be deceived my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

OUR TENDENCY TO BLAME GOD



Genesis 3:12 (ESV) The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”



GOD COMMANDS

Satan comes in to
fill in the
blanks
Interpretation



COMPLIANCE

SATAN FILLS IN THE BLANKS



Genesis 3:4–5 (ESV) But the serpent said to the woman,
“You will not surely die. 5
For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

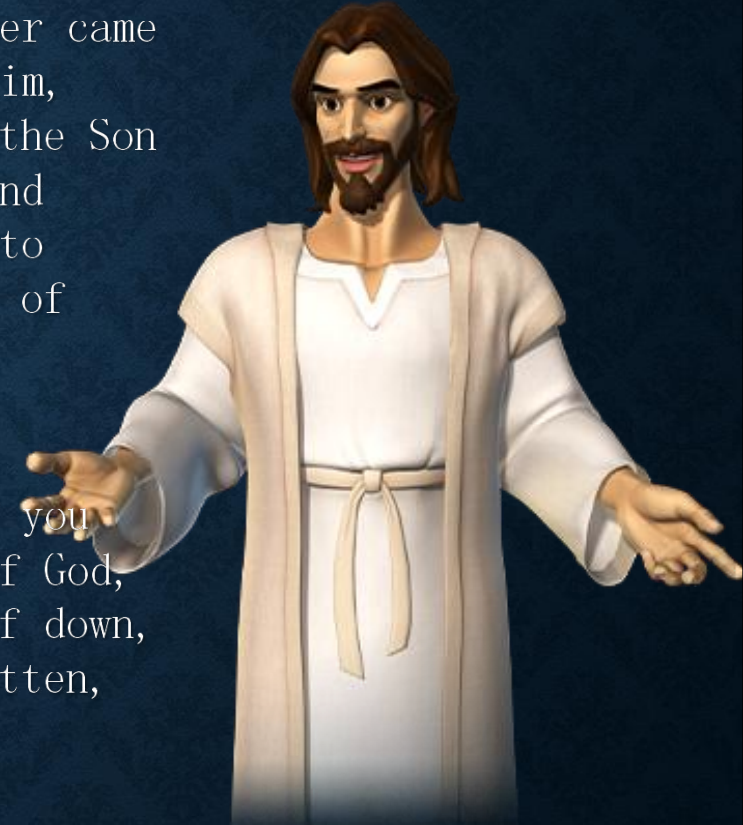
GOD
COMMANDS
THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

“If you are
the Son of
God”



Matthew 4:3 (ESV)
And the tempter came
and said to him,
“If you are the Son
of God, command
these stones to
become loaves of
bread.”

Matt 4:5 “If you
are the Son of God,
throw yourself down,
for it is written,



COMPLIANCE

GOD COMMANDS

Curse God
and die



Job 2:9 (ESV) Then his wife
said to him, “Do you still
hold fast your integrity? Curse
God and die.”



JOB

COMPLIANCE

GOD COMMANDS

God wants to
torture you
He could
have stopped
this!



COMPLIANCE

THE TRUTH



James 1:12-15 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those **It is impossible for God to be tempted or tempt**

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

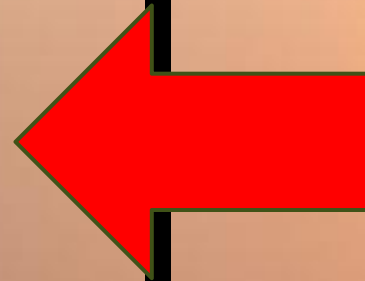
God

Evil

Love
Generosity
Integrity
Steadfast
Faithful
Merciful

Lack of

God cannot be
tempted with evil





MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

How can God tempt us away from
His image

Purpose

- Reflect
- Relate
- Represent



THE TRUTH

God's intention—crown of life

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EVERY TRIAL IS A TEMPTATION

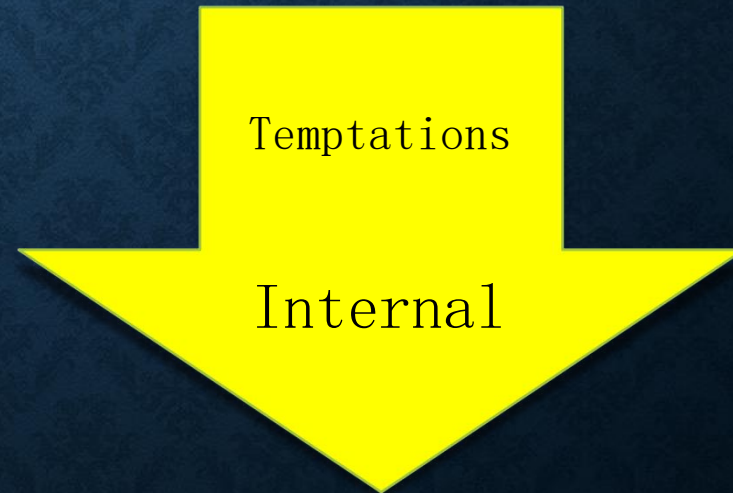
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James 1:2-4

James 1:13-15



Peirasmos



GOD COMMANDS

Peirasmos

The means in
which God
transforms
us to give
us the crown
of life.....



COMPLIANCE

GOD

REDEMPTIVE PUNISHMENT



Ecclesiastes 3:14 (ESV)
I perceived that
whatever God does
endures forever; nothing
can be added to it, nor
anything taken from it.
God has done it, so that
people fear before him.

James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

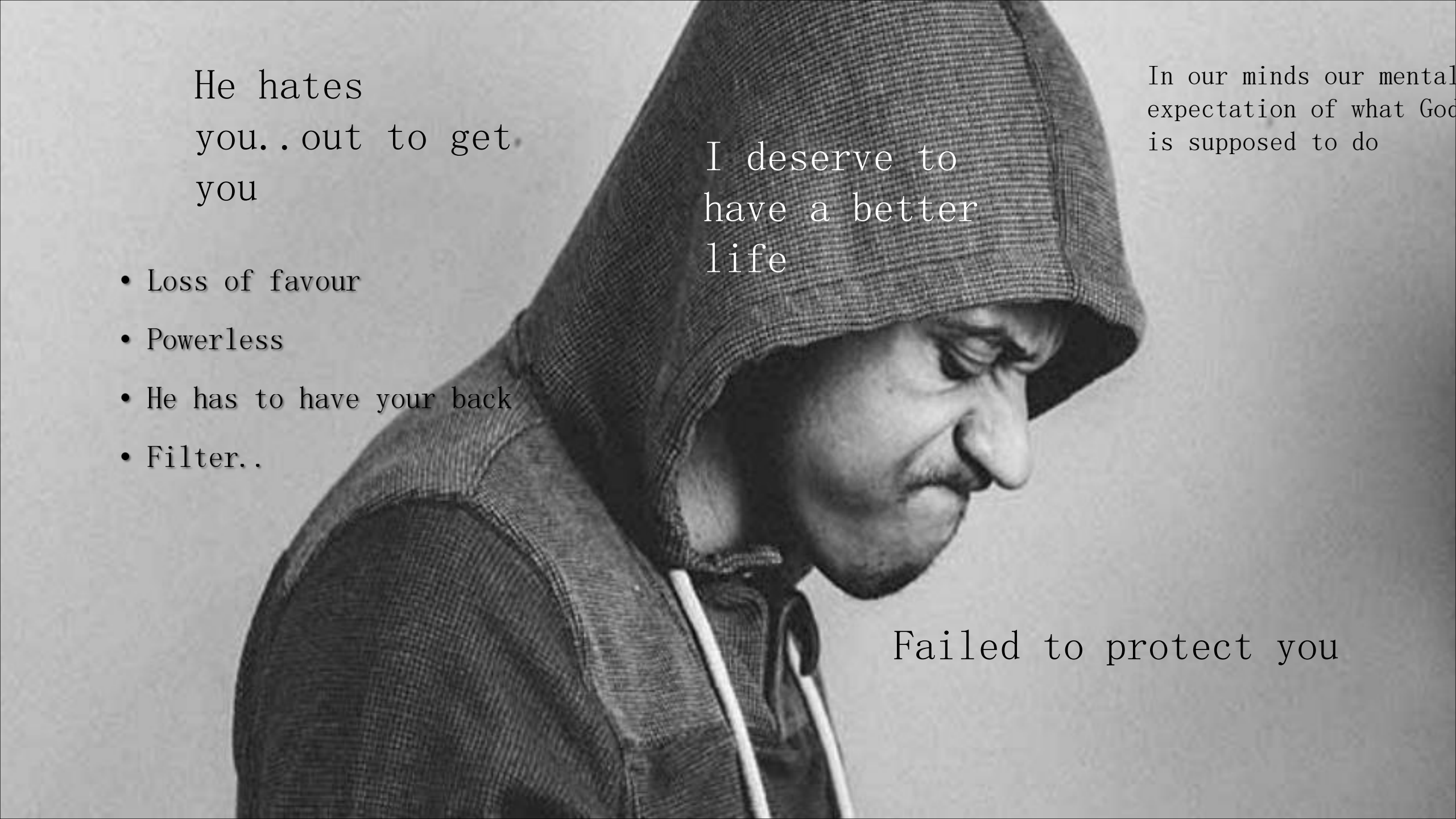
12. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,







Matthew 16:24–27 (ESV) Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 2

A black and white photograph of a man wearing a dark hoodie with the hood pulled over his head. He is looking down and to the right with a pained or distressed expression, his eyes are closed or looking away. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

He hates
you..out to get
you

- Loss of favour
- Powerless
- He has to have your back
- Filter..

I deserve to
have a better
life

In our minds our mental
expectation of what God
is supposed to do

Failed to protect you



OSCAR AMAECHINA

President of Afri-Mission and Evangelism Network, Abuja, Nigeria



, "You frauds should leave my compound now before I lose control and butcher you guys. Where was God when bandits killed my wife and my children? I have served God with all my heart; I have never missed paying my tithe; I have sowed seed for protection for my household yet your God allowed my family members to be wiped out in a day. Leave my compound because I know that you are here to lie to me and collect my money."

TEMPTATION

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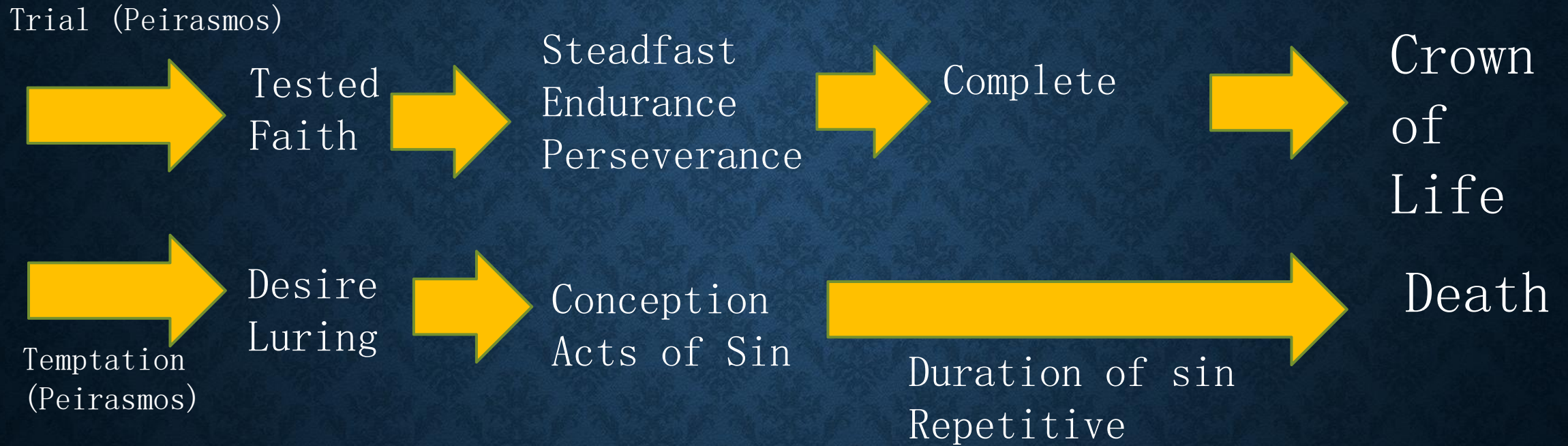
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Word



James 1:14–15 (ESV) But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

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TWO POSSIBLE OUTCOMES



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THE ANATOMY OF DESIRE

James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

Epithumias

38 times NT

Strong Liking

X 3 positive

Over desire

Lust

Covet

DESIRE

OVERDESIRE

Good

Object - wife

Normal amount
Healthy

Recognition it
comes from God

Sexual

Food

Glory

Sin

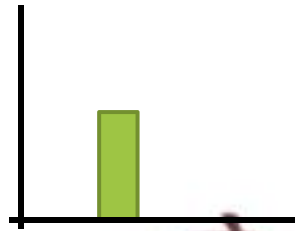
Object - other
woman= Lust

Excessive-
unhealthy,
unloving,
addictive..obesity
Pride , arrogance

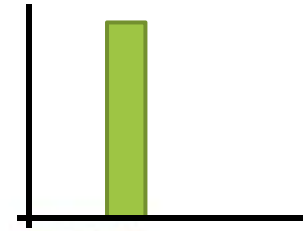
we cannot and must not expect more from it than its unique nature can provide

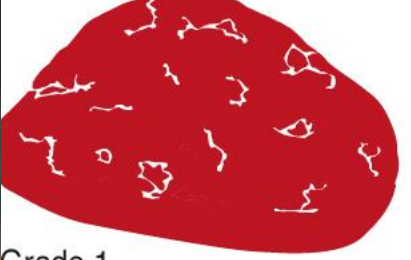
Each object of love is different and for this reason the consequences of loving them will be different.

Amount of satisfaction



Amount of satisfaction

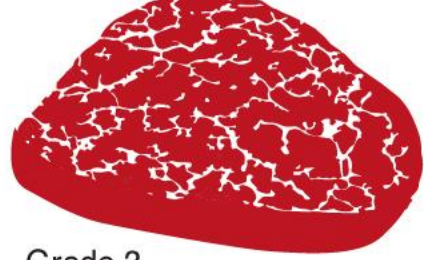




Grade 1



Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6



Grade 7



Grade 8



Grade 9



Grade 10



Grade 11



Grade 12





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Godliness rightly ordered love

LOVE

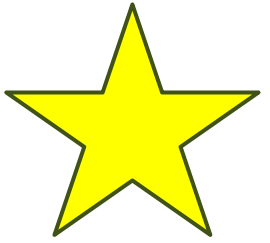
Love small things
small amount

Love big things
big amount

SIN

Love big things
small amount

Love small things
big amount



DO YOU LOVE MONEY?



Love or money

MONEY CAN DO GOOD

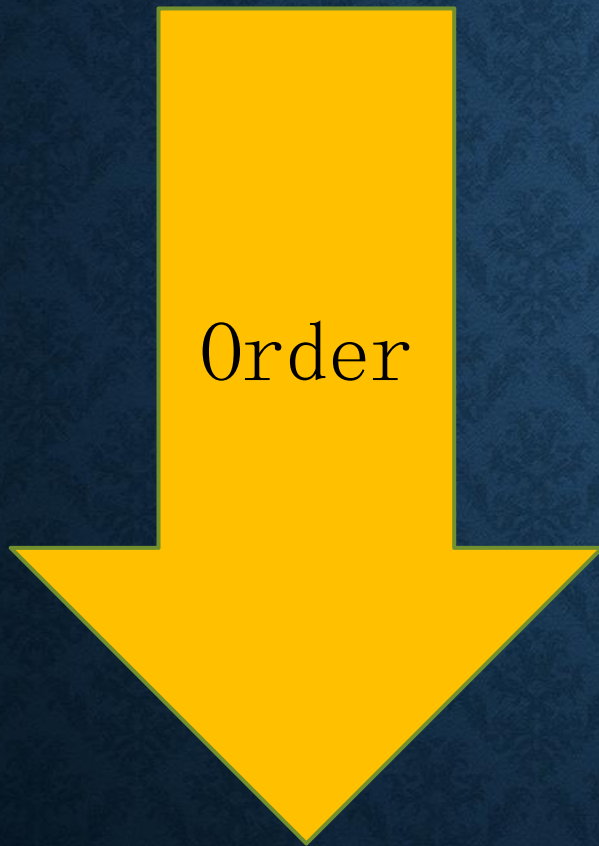
Desire small things small amount



Desire small things large amount



PRIORITIES OF LOVE



- God
- Family
- Job
- Friends
- Hobbies

What a person loves, and how he or she loves it, will determine the course and character of life, as well as the condition of society

DISORDERED LOVE



Hobbies

Job

Family

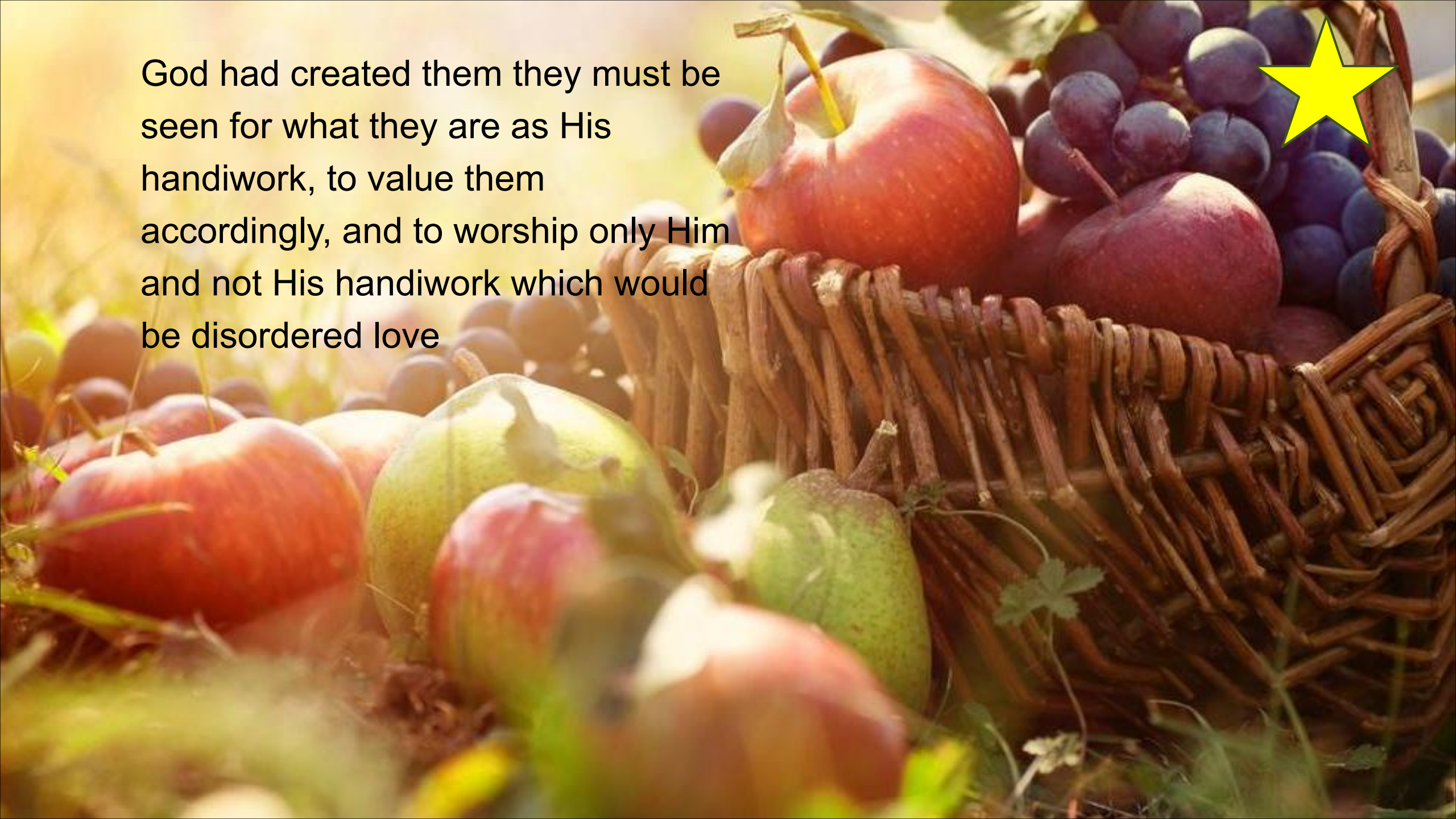
Friends

God



Love is disordered when it seeks final happiness in temporal and finite objects,

God had created them they must be seen for what they are as His handiwork, to value them accordingly, and to worship only Him and not His handiwork which would be disordered love



Desire for cheese outweighs desire for safety
Ignore danger

LURED



WHAT IS CAUSE OF THE TEMPTATION?

Cause—desire to escape more than the desire to honor God

Occasion

Blame Police?





The occasion
Boss ordered me to lie

The cause
Desire to keep job
More than desire to
please Him



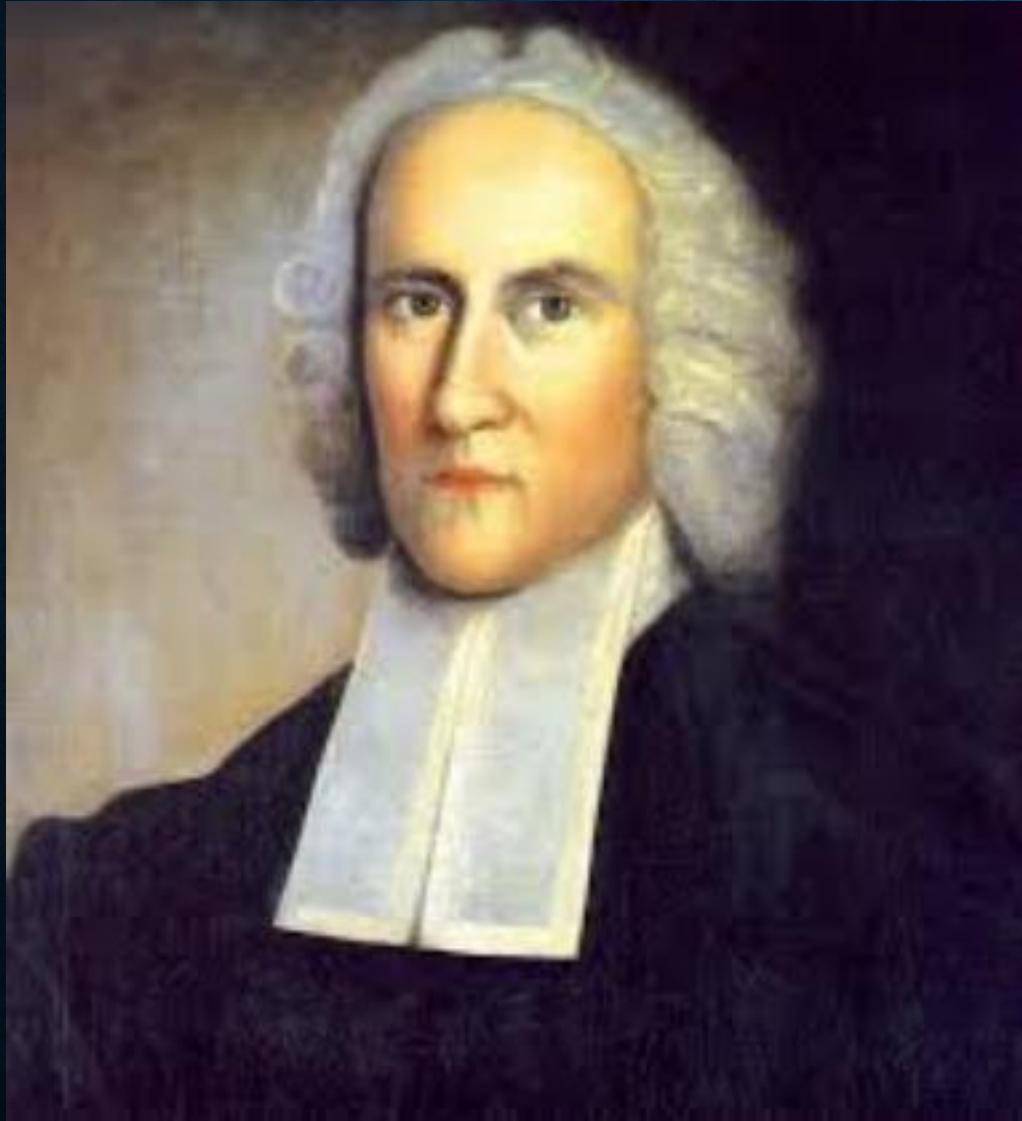
LOVE GOD

Love big things
big amount

LOVE JOB

Love small things
big amount

JONATHAN EDWARDS



“You will only do
what you most
desire to do. “

DEMONIZED

DESIRE



Good

Sin

Object - wife

Sexual

Object - other
woman= Lust

Normal amount
Healthy

Food

Excessive-
unhealthy,
unloving,
addictive..obesity
Pride , arrogance

Recognition it
comes from God

Glory

What is it like to live with obesity in Peninsular Malaysia? A qualitative study

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Summary

Understanding the experience of people living with obesity is crucial for delivering holistic care relevant to the socio-cultural context. Although half of the Malaysian adults have excessive weight, the lived experience of people with obesity in the Malaysian context is not well studied. Using the principles of hermeneutic phenomenology, this study explores the lived experience of adults with obesity in Malaysia.



1,5 ml (4 d)
OZEMPIC 0,25 mg
-0- mg
roztwór do
wstrzykiwań



Discreet shoe-fitting device.





PAS MP Wan Razali





SHEIK TAJ ALDIN AL-HILALI



"If you take out uncovered meat and place it outside ... without cover, and the cats come to eat it ... whose fault is it, the cats' or the uncovered meat's? The uncovered meat is the problem. If she was in her room, in her home, in her





CORINTHIAN PROBLEM

1 Corinthians 6:13-14 (ESV) 13 “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” —and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.



WE'RE A NATION OF FAT,
SAD DRINKERS, SURVEY
FINDS
THE AGE 14/9/11

60% of Australians were
overweight according to
BMI but did not admit
it

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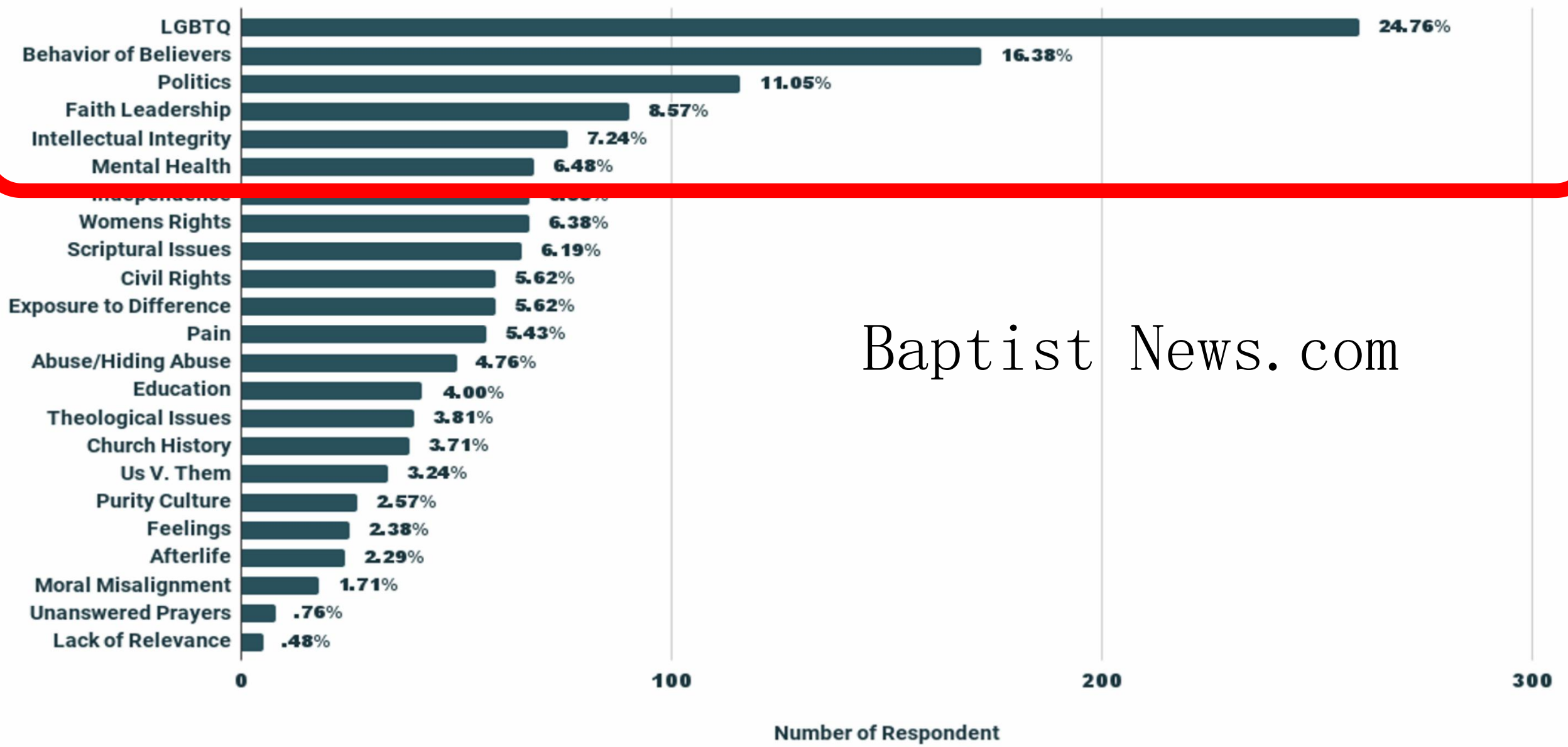
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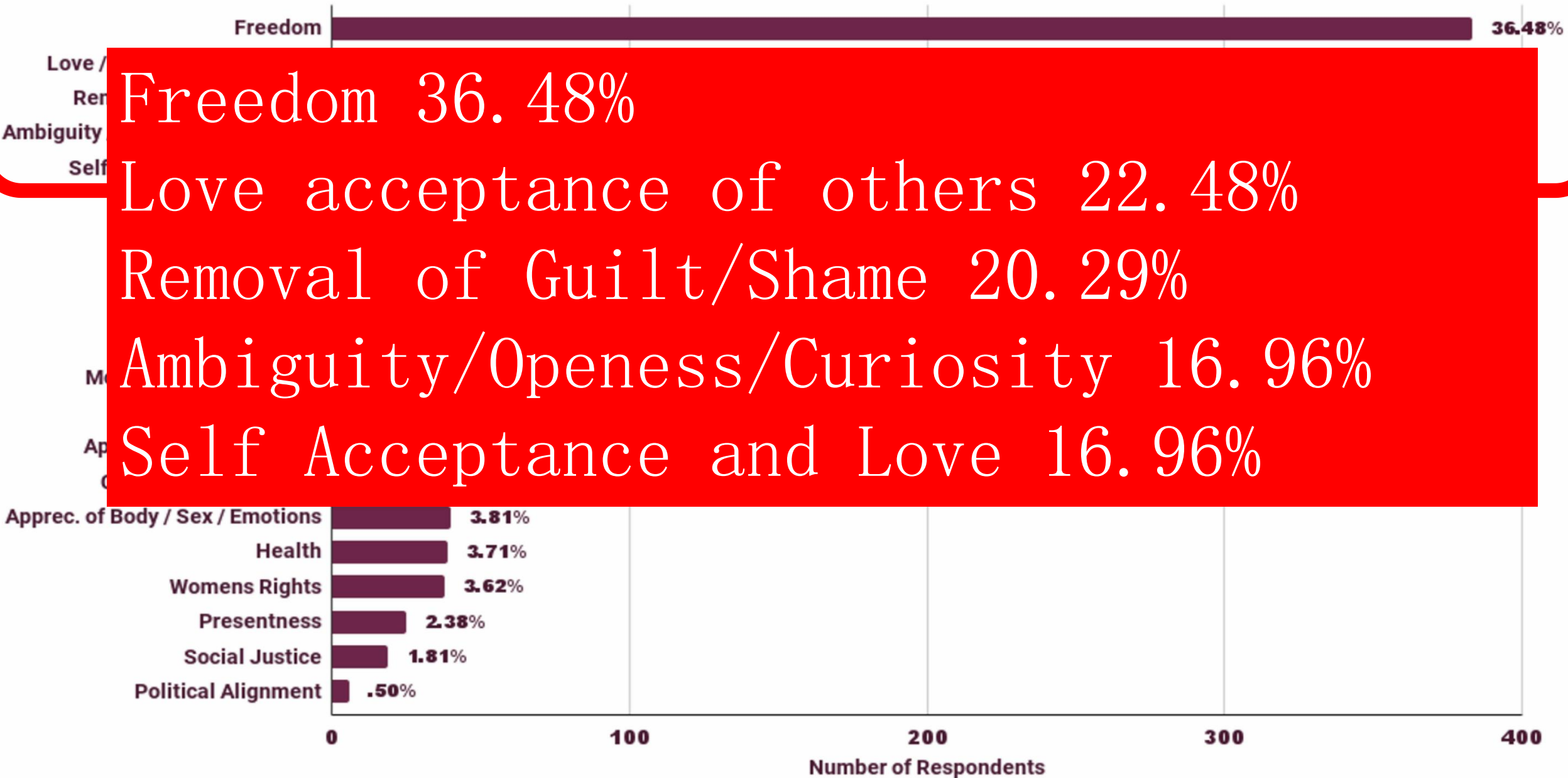
“if we send very
overweight or obese
people down the catwalk
modelling clothes, what
it is saying, in a way, is
that we are celebrating
obesity. I think that is
dangerous because we
know it is a dangerous

Final Reason for Leaving



Baptist News.com

What's Gained with New Framework



**GOD SEEMS
LIKE A
COSMIC
KILLJOY.
IS HE?**



COMPELLING
TRUTH



MARTIN LUTHER



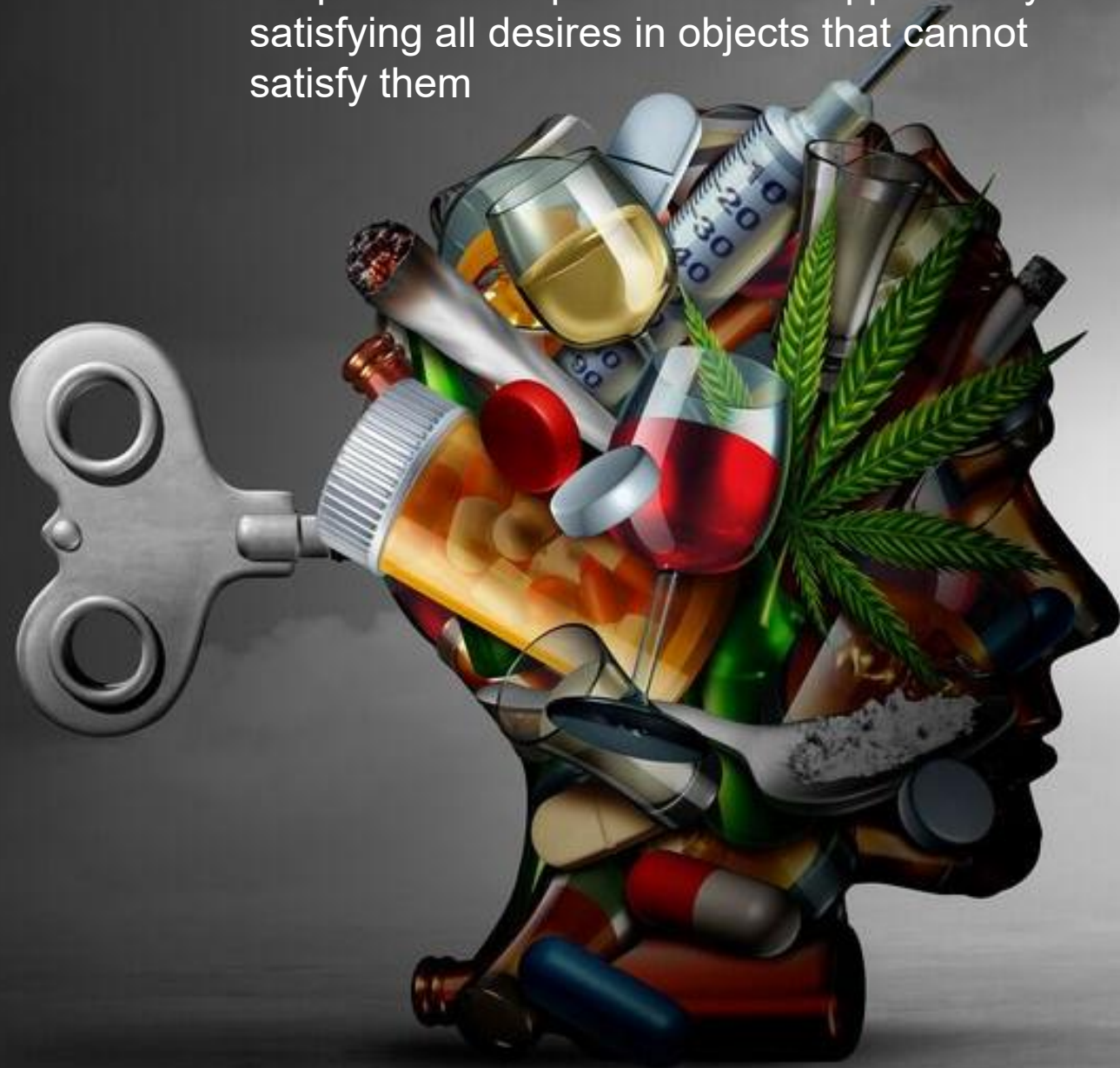
*"whatever your heart
clings to and relies
upon, that is your God;
trust and faith of the
heart alone make both
God and idol."*



EZEKIEL 14 :4

“Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces” .

desperate attempt to achieve happiness by
satisfying all desires in objects that cannot
satisfy them



Disordered Loves

Addiction

Idolatry



SUBTLE

1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (ESV) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A close-up photograph of a stack of Malaysian Ringgit banknotes. The notes are fanned out, showing various denominations including 10, 20, and 50 Ringgits. The text "RINGGIT" and "PULUH RINGGIT" are visible on the notes. A red rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

*Temptation from the devil
or the answer to a prayer."*



"Entertaining, illuminating and – when you recognize yourself in the stories it tells – mortifying." – *Wall Street Journal*

MISTAKES WERE MADE (but not by me)

**WHY WE JUSTIFY FOOLISH BELIEFS,
BAD DECISIONS, AND HURTFUL ACTS**

UPDATED, WITH A NEW CHAPTER:
"DISSONANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND THE DEMAGOGUE"

Carol Tavris *and* Elliot Aronson

WHEN
TROUBLE
COMES

"Your memories are distorted in a self-enhancing direction in all kinds of ways."

Lawyer Datuk V.K. Lingam



LINGAM ROYAL COMISSION

“I cannot remember” x14

“I cannot remember” x18



Legacy

Sex, Pleasure

Money

Power

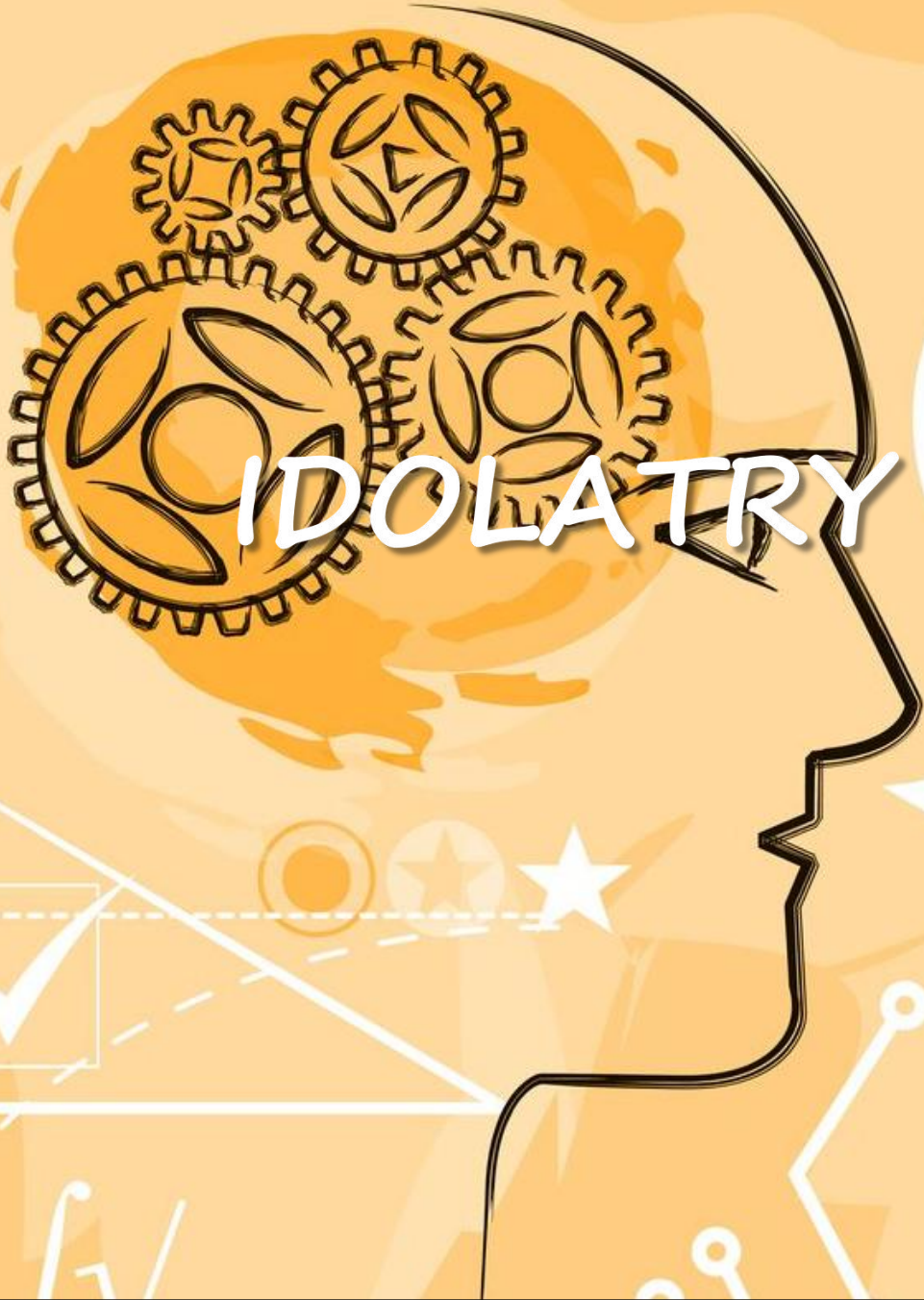
New love replaces old love



WHAT WE DESIRE, WHY WE DESIRE, RELATIONSHIP WITH DESIRE

- It's source (where it came from)
- It's purpose (what it wants and why that matters)
- It's value (what it adds to your life and at what cost)
- It's relationship to other things and people

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



1. Do I feel like I have enough money and possessions right now, or do I feel I need more?

The need for more drives you and enslaves

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 1 Tim 6:6-7

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



2. Do I have enough power and control in my life, or do I feel my life requires more?

Hedged bets, insurance derivatives

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



3. Is there a relationship in my life to which I am so attached that I have to have that for my life to be truly meaningful

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



4. What am I willing to betray my values to obtain if I think I won't get caught?

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



5. What desire is so strong that it can warp my thinking and make me engage in defensiveness, self-justification, denial, and also secrecy?

IDOLATRY QUOTIENT



6. *What desire do I have that sometimes gets in the way of my paying attention to God or fully following God?*

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THE TRUTH

James 1:16–18 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

THE DECEPTION



James 1:13 (ESV) Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

God causes me to fall to temptation
God allows bad things
God is not good



THE TRUTH

1. UNCHANGING CHARACTER OF GOD IN CREATION

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THE SAME GOD OF CREATION



Genesis 1:17–18 (ESV) And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

GIFTS REFLECT CHARACTER





74 YEARS





GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

Jeremiah 33:20–21 (ESV) Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, 21 then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.



Jeremiah 31:35–36 (ESV) Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is his name:

36 “If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.”

THE TRUTH

2. OUR OWN NATURE AND PURPOSE IN SALVATION

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THE IMAGERY



QUESTION
How illogical is it for us to believe that God allows temptation in order for us to fail

God by His own initiative created the church by the gospel as a preview of His final restored creation

Indicates the final harvest







Genesis 39:8–9 (ESV) But he refused and said to his master's wife, “Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?”



Philippians 1:6 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



PETER MARSHALL

“Temptation is an opportunity to conquer. When we eventually reach the goal to which we are all striving, God will look us over, not for diplomas, but for scars.”

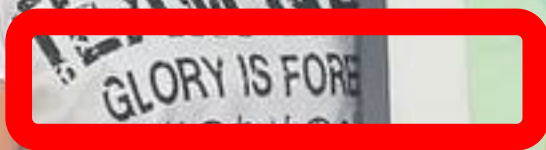


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GLORY IS FORE







GLORY IS FOREVER

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.